MINUTES
COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

February 13, 2003
Brush Mtn B
Squires Student Center
3:30-5:30 p.m.


ABSENT: Karen DePauw, Pankaj Gupta, Meredith Katz, Kim Mitchell, Kerry Redican, Christian Rieser, Roberta Snelling

I. Call to Order

Mr. Brian Montgomery, Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

III. Minutes from January 30th Meeting

The minutes from the January 30th CSA meeting have been electronically approved and forwarded to University Council.

IV. Old Business:

V. New Business:

A. Undergraduate Representative to the BOV Selection Process

Mr. Montgomery reviewed the procedures for the interview process and reminded the commission that Mr. Edward Barry, Ms. Linda Sikhammountry, and Ms. Jane Warner were selected at the January 30 meeting to ask the interview questions. In Mr. Barry’s absence, Mr. Sterling Daniel was selected to ask the first question. Mr. Vivek Mehta was selected as the time keeper. There was a motion to move into closed Executive Session for the purpose of selecting the three finalists for the position of Undergraduate Student Representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. The motion was seconded and approved. The following candidates were interviewed:

1) Aaron Barr
2) Allan Bradley
3) Graham Currin
4) Sarah Hanks
5) Keith Parker
6) Ashley White

Following the interviews, the Commission voted by secret ballot for the three candidates who would be sent forward to the Selection Committee of the Board of Visitors. There was a motion to move into open session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Montgomery asked the six candidates to return to the room and announced the three finalists: Allan Bradley, Graham Currin, and Ashley White. The BOV Selection Committee will meet on Sunday, March 9, 2003, to interview these candidates.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Vashonta Roach asked if the commission will continue with the subcommittee concerning Student ID numbers since SGA has brought forward a resolution regarding Student Identity Security. Ms. Brooke Randa and Mr. Andrew Jayne indicated that the subcommittee will continue to work, and plan to have members of the newly formed Consumer Interest Organization attend the next meeting to discuss this topic. Ms. Kim Beisecker pointed out that legislation regarding Social Security numbers is currently with the Budget and Management area of Congress and if it passes, Social Security numbers will only be used for matters of taxes and employment. She suggested they reference this legislation if they bring the SGA resolution to CSA for second reading and approval.

Mr. Nick Temple, Vice President of Interfraternity Council, introduced himself to the commission. He will be attending for Mr. Will Wright, President of IFC, who has class at the CSA meeting times.

Ms. Linda Sikhammountry asked what will happen to the Dean of Students office. Dr. Cross indicated that he has a reorganization proposal before the Provost. The portion of the proposal that relates to the Dean of Students office has been approved in concept, but they are working out the details at this time. He has asked for a new position to replace Dr. Barbara Pendergrass’s position when she retires, but he hasn’t received a ruling on this. The office will be renamed the Office of Student Life, and all services now provided by the Dean of Students office will continue to be provided.

Ms. Brooke Randa announced some upcoming VTU events: South Pacific on February 18; Live on March 24; and Nickel Creek on April 6.

Ms. Vashonta Roach announced the following Black History Month events: Aaron McGruder on February 6, Dave Chappelle on February 10, Russell Simmons on March 12, and the Realizing the Dream program on March 14.

Ms. Nicki Cantrell, Associate Director for Student Activities, said that she’s trying to gather information from students and student organizations about how the university should respond if we go to war with Iraq. They would like to know what programs the university could put in place to support and serve the student body. Students and student organizations were invited to share their ideas by e-mailing her at cantrell@vt.edu or talking with her personally.
Mr. Gerry Kowalski announced that they are seeking student teaching assistants for the first year seminar of The Wing. Information is available in 109 E. Eggleston. Applications and reference forms are due Friday, February 28. The contact person is Anna Roope.

Ms. Susan Anderson announced that the annual Take Back the Night Rally and March will take place on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. on the Drillfield. Any organizations who wish to be listed on the program as a sponsor should let her know.

Mr. Thanh Doan announced that on February 14 LGBTTA would hold a petition signing across campus in support of gay marriage in Virginia.

Mr. Brian Montgomery announced that the Big Event would take place on March 29 at 10:00 a.m. and distributed a flyer and sign-up sheet.

Ms. Linda Sikhammountry asked everyone to go to www.planters.com and vote Virginia Tech as the nuttiest fans. The winner of the contest receives $10,000.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Sanzenbach, Recorder